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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO IFRP ASSISTANCE TO STUDY 140 REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFTEL TO BE CONDUCTED BY DR. MILTON NAKAMURA. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING, HOWEVER, WHETHER STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NAKAMURA PRIVATELY OR UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF PUCC/CAMPINAS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF NAKAMURA'S LETTER OF NOV 30, 1977, ACKNOWLEDGING USE OF TITLE X FUNDS.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED IFRP PROPOSED STUDY REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL WITH DR. ANIBAL FAUNDEZ FROM STATE UNIVERSITY OF CAMPINAS (UNICAMP), AND INFORMED HIM ABOUT MISSION'S POLICY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING TITLE X FUNDING ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUESTED BY BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE EXPLAINED TO FAUNDEZ THAT EMBASSY'S CLEARANCE FOR STUDY WOULD REQUIRE PREVIOUS APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT OF UNICAMP AND THE SAO PAULO STATE GOVERNOR, SINCE UNICAMP IS A SAO PAULO STATE UNIVERSITY. FAUNDEZ STATES THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE SMALL AMOUNT OF IFRP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INVOLVED
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(DOLS 1,800) WOULD NOT BE WORTH THE TROUBLE OF GOING THROUGH ALL THAT BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS, AND HE, THEREFORE, DECLINED IFRP OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. FAUNDEZ ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONDUCT STUDY FOR IFRP WITHOUT NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SINCE HE HAS BEEN USING THE MINILAP TUBAL RING METHOD AT THE MATERNITY SCHOOL OF UNICAMP, AND HE IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN STUDY PROPOSED BY IFRP.

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COMMENT: APART FROM BUREAUCRATIC REQUIREMENTS IN CASE OF DR. FAUNDEZ, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TITLE X FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO HIS STUDY WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE AT THE MOMENT. THE GOB, THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO STERILIZATION ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CONTACTS IN THE AREA OF FAMILY PLANNING IN BRAZIL THAT THE MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED STRONG DISSATISFACTION WITH SOME STERILIZATION STUDIES OF PROJECTS WHICH ARE REPORTEDLY BEING CONDUCTED IN BRAZIL AND FINANCED BY FOREIGN OR INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MISSION RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT NO TITLE X ASSISTANCE BE CONTEMPLATED TO PROJECT PROPOSALS WHICH MAY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVE STERILIZATION IN BRAZIL, SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED IN THE CASE OF DR. FAUNDEZ, UNTIL GOB SHOW SIGNS OF ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH ANTICONCEPTIVE METHOD.
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